

**LSTA Grants Awarded
January 2013**

Summer Library Program - \$245,870

Albany Carnegie Public Library - \$7,450

The Albany Carnegie Public Library's nine-week 2013 summer reading program will be offered to children, teens and adults. Themes will be *Dig into Reading* for children, *Beneath the Surface* for teens and *Groundbreaking Reads* for adults. During the summer there will be fifteen sessions held for preschool children (five programs repeated three times); nine sessions held for elementary aged children; three programs held for teens; and two programs held for adults.

Barton County Library - \$7,475

The Library will offer two summer reading programs: *Dig into Reading* for children and *Beneath the Surface* for teens. For children, there will be weekly story time events at the main branch and 1-2 story times a month at the two smaller branches. The Library will hold a reading class for children in grades 4-12 that will focus on the Mark Twain, Truman, and Gateway award nominees.

Canton Public Library - \$2,741

The Library will offer a variety of *Dig into Reading* summer reading programs to target patrons of all ages. The youngest group will be for children three to five years of age where a family experience will be emphasized and books, games, crafts and activities will be utilized. Other program groups will be for children age 6-8, 9-12 and teens who will have reading activities supplemented by crafts and special presentations. The adult group will involve book discussions followed by an applicable movie.

Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$11,673

This project will bring summer reading programs and library services to a wide range of patrons with an emphasis on (1) building relationships and increasing participation via partnership with the public school, (2) enhancing early childhood learning experiences through traditional and digital story times, educational programming, and partnerships with community early childhood groups, and (3) engaging patrons in a new and exciting library experience by providing access to interactive learning, research and creative expression via iPads and a wide range of apps.

Carrollton Public Library - \$5,150

The Library will provide a summer library program that targets independent and family readers from ages 1-12, young adults from 13-18 and family units. Themes will be *Dig into Reading* and *Beneath the Surface*. The themes will be implemented throughout story times, programs, crafts, activities and special presentations.

Centralia Public Library - \$3,824

The Library will offer a nine week summer reading program surrounding the theme *Dig into Reading*. The primary audience is children in pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade, with special emphasis on encouraging participation from boys. Two classes will be held weekly.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - \$13,143

The purpose of the grant is to expand summer reading opportunities for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not have easy access to a library building during the summer months. This includes reaching out to students in fifteen area schools that are at least eleven miles from a Daniel Boone Regional Library building. A snail mail book program will be offered to these children and eight educational programs will be presented.

Gentry County Library - \$6,150

The Library will provide a summer reading program based on the theme *Beneath the Surface @ Your Gentry County Library*. Summer School curriculum at partner schools will be tied to the reading program theme. Outreach efforts will continue to focus on rural families with transportation issues whose job commitments can make taking advantage of the summer library program difficult. Emphasis will also be placed on reaching children who do not attend either summer school or day cares. Six weeks of topical programming is planned with groups meeting daily. The remaining weeks will center on a self-directed reading program using opinion postcard mailings and a once a week movie event.

Joplin Public Library - \$12,000

In addition to providing traditional summer reading services to patrons, the Joplin Public Library will use community partnerships to reach new populations to provide opportunities for children, teens and adults to improve their reading skills during the summer. Specifically: 1) three elementary school libraries and the high school library will be kept open during summer school where children will be able to participate in an abbreviated version of the summer reading program during school time; 2) there will be outreach art programs held in conjunction with a local not-for-profit group; and 3) in cooperation with Vintage Stock, a local book club will be held at the Northpark Mall.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$7,335

The Library will provide weekly outreach programs and off-site checkout to give more access to library materials and better serve children of working parents through bringing the library to area parks, day camps and day cares. The Library will partner with the Robinson Elementary School to provide weekly visits to Meacham Park. A new outreach effort is for Story Times to take place during the Farmers' Market. Educare (Head Start) participants will be brought to the library for a visit. The Library will implement a Baby Summer Reading Program that reinforces early literacy skills development.

Lebanon-Laclede County Library - \$11,808

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library will partner with Laclede County R-I and Lebanon R-III School Districts to provide a ten-week summer reading program to underserved children, birth through grade 12, in Laclede County. Grant funds are sought to keep school libraries open during summer school and at other times. During summer school, a certified library staff member will conduct weekly literacy-based activities with each class. When summer school is not in session, school libraries will be open three hours twice a week for four weeks for families to checkout and return materials. Speakers and/or presenters during summer school will provide learning enrichment opportunities.

Macon Public Library - \$5,436

The Library will offer a 2013 Summer Reading Program to educate, motivate and expand children's literacy skills. Activities will include reading, singing, storytelling, writing and completing projects that incorporate the theme *Dig into Reading* for children birth through age 8 and *Beneath the Surface* for those 9 through 18. To reach underserved populations, library staff will take the program to area schools and day cares.

Marceline Carnegie Library - \$4,748

The Marceline R-V School libraries will be kept open during summer school. A reading buddy program will be implemented. Three presentations that encourage children to read will be held. After summer school ends, the library will hold weekly story time programs for children up to age 9 involving the theme *Dig into Reading*.

Marshall Public Library - \$7,500

The Library proposes a summer reading program for all ages that will feature programs, activities, reading, discussions, exhibits, presentations and a One Marshall / One Read program on the theme of *The Underground Railroad*.

Maryville Public Library - \$3,529

The Library's *Dig into Reading* summer reading program is designed to help children ages 5 through 12 maintain and even improve their reading skills over the summer months. Presenters will provide the opportunity for children to learn about science and puppetry. The program also aims to increase knowledge of classic literature among independent readers by challenging them to read adapted versions of several classics. Finally, there will be a series of pre-literacy skills classes to help improve the reading skills of emerging and struggling readers.

McDonald County Library - \$8,400

The Library will offer a *Dig into Reading* summer reading program. The McDonald County High School library will remain open during summer school. Weekly story time programs for children and special programs for teens will be held at the Southwest City Library and Pineville branches. The High School media specialist will facilitate book groups and provide youth programming. Adults will be encouraged to read materials of their choice during the summer.

Moberly Public Schools - \$9,100

Moberly Public Schools and Little Dixie Regional Libraries are partnering to bring summer reading programs to children and youth attending summer school at the Moberly Public Schools. Additionally, librarians will provide programs at the YMCA, Randolph County Caring Communities lunch sites, and community centers (such as the swimming pool) to reach underserved populations. Children to age 18 will be served with a special emphasis placed on reaching teens.

Mound City Public Library - \$6,286

The Library will provide a Summer Reading Program that will promote summer-long reading by people of all ages. Outreach efforts are designed to reach city residents and beyond. The children/preteen facilitator will lead two age-specific, 45-minute events each week for children and one 60-minute event each week for teens. There will also be four intergenerational events for adults and older teens. Themes will be *Dig into Reading* for children, *Beneath the Surface* for teens and *Groundbreaking Reads* for adults. Additional special presentations to augment the theme will be provided.

Polk County Library - \$8,167

The Library will offer summer reading programs centering on the following themes: *Dig into Reading* for children; *Beneath the Surface* for teens and *Groundbreaking Reads* for adults. To remove the barrier of transportation, there will also be an online component of the reading program. Programming for children will be divided into three groups: birth-2, 3-5, and 6-11 year olds. Weekly sessions with age-appropriate activities will be held. Teen programs will be provided weekly with meetings delving into the underground aspects of culture and society. Weekly educational programs on the theme *Dig into Reading* will be offered with a target audience of families.

Riverside Regional Library - \$12,000

The Library will provide summer reading programs targeting three groups: birth – age 11, 12-17 and adults. Thematic topics include *Dig into Reading @ the Library* for children and *Beneath the Surface* for teens. The Missouri Conservation Nature Center in Cape Girardeau will provide a presentation on camping. The Southeast Explorer, a mobile teaching and learning center, will bring the Crisp Museum to summer reading program participants in grades 3-6. The University of Missouri Extension will provide speakers to bring in stories, crafts and food to teach the children about nutrition. Planned story time topics include gardening, pirate treasure hunt and dinosaurs. Teen programs will explore rocks and minerals, worm farms, puppet construction, and dinosaurs. Programs for adults will involve book discussions, computer classes, crafts and art.

Rolla Public Library - \$8,435

The Library will offer three, ten-week summer reading programs: Preschool-Grade 5 is *Dig into Reading*; Grades 6-12 is *Beneath the Surface*; and the adult program is *Groundbreaking Reads*. The teen and adult programs are new to the library. Weekly activities are planned surrounding the various themes; all are designed to help prevent summer learning loss. Some story times and family literacy events will be held in the evening to encourage more families to participate.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$12,000

The Library will target families and children from birth through 6th grade who cannot visit the library because they are in child care, at summer school, or lack transportation, through this year's *Dig into Reading @ Rolling Hills Library* summer reading program. The Library will take the program to area elementary schools during their summer session; bring participants from area day cares to the library; provide online report options to reading program participants; and create school and family kits with books, games and puzzles surrounding the *Dig into Reading* theme for circulation to the target audiences. Weekly programs will also be held at the Belt and Savannah branches to reach traditional audiences.

Saint Clair County Library - \$7,000

The Library will offer a ten-week summer reading program for children age 2 through High School surrounding the theme *Dig into Reading!* Two programs with crafts will be hosted weekly at each branch. There will also be a movie showing surrounding the weekly theme at each branch. Additionally, the library will bring the program to the Osceola Housing Authority through its bookmobile service.

Saint Louis County Library - \$10,750

The Library will contract with a vendor to create a Summer Reading Club (SRC) promotional video for use at schools. The video will feature information about how the SRC works, how children can register, and what prizes and incentives are offered to participants.

Saint Louis Public Library - \$15,000

The primary focus for the grant is reaching children preschool-3rd grade. The reading program theme will be *If I Only Had a Book*. Activities and programming will center on the *Wizard of Oz* interactive exhibit. To address the needs of young children for more time spent reading aloud and being read to, volunteers from Ready Readers, Y-Literacy, Oasis tutors and teen volunteers will be recruited for a Read Aloud/Read Along Program.

Sikeston Public Library - \$7,440

The Library will offer two summer reading programs: *Dig into Reading* for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and *Beneath the Surface* for children in grades 6 through 8 attending the YMCA Summer Day Camp and Lincoln University Summer Enrichment Camp. This year, a special Family Day program will be held at the Library so campers, their parents and other family members can further participate in enrichment activities.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$13,600

The Springfield-Greene County Library District will reach out and deliver the Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults at 80 sites in Greene County including: public schools, Head Start Programs, home and commercial child care sites, day camps at the YMCA, the Parks Department, Boys and Girls Clubs, Salvation Army, teen residential facilities, and family housing programs sponsored by the Salvation Army and The Kitchen. This year the outreach program will be expanded in order to devote more contact time to the youth and teens at the Boys and Girls Clubs. Head Start programs and day care providers will be taught how to incorporate the summer reading program theme to provide quality story times. An in-service training for summer school librarians and day camp site leaders will enable them to implement the programs in their classrooms. Library staff will work with family housing programs to involve adults and parents with young children in early literacy initiatives.

Troy R-III School District - \$7,150

Troy R-III School District will provide summer reading program opportunities using the Boone and Lincoln Elementary School libraries. The program targets children ages 5 through 12, especially those with special needs, children in day care, preschool and summer day camps, and foster and adoptive children. Programs will involve two themes: *People Who Dig* and *Animals That Dig*. In addition to twice a week program activities, two family night sessions will be held.

University City Public Library - \$10,580

The Youth Services department will provide Craft Afternoon for children ages 5 to 8; a Family Evening Gala with multiple craft stations for children in preschool to age 8; and a Super Reader's Lock-in featuring special theme-related crafts for fourth through sixth graders. As a child completes a book, they report about what they read to a teen volunteer. Two special programs, *Fantastic Fairytales* by Madcap Puppets and *Creatures of Myth and Legend* by World Bird Sanctuary will also be held.

The *Don Quixote: Dreaming ~~the~~ Possible Dreams Together* program for adults will feature a series of discussions on *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes; a performance by *Los Flamencos* followed by a Q/A session on the historical context of their music; three *Storytime for Grownups* sessions; and a Service Fair that spotlights Learning Express and the library's job-search and resume-writing materials.